For the month of October, groups at Traders Point will pause their normal rhythm and spend the month studying prayers from Scripture. Each week, we'll read powerful prayers from the Bible and practice meaningful prayer experiences together.

DISCUSS

In our passage, we'll be reading about Hannah, who is a woman of deep faith and raw honesty before God. In her heartbreak over barrenness, she prays earnestly for a son and vows to dedicate him to the Lord (1 Samuel 1). God answers with the gift of Samuel, who would become a great prophet and leader in Israel. Hannah stays true to her word by bringing him to the tabernacle and offering up a powerful prayer. She worships with bold faith in God's sovereignty despite the cost of her obedience.

Read 1 Samuel 2:1-10

- What attributes of God do you see throughout the prayer? Make note of them and share them as a group.
- Notice Hannah's response to God after having given up her son. How do you respond to God when life throws you for a loop? (ex: fear, gratitude, praise, anger, sadness, frustration, etc.)
- In verses 4-8, we see that the Lord is the one who gives and takes away. Knowing that, how does that help you see Him as Lord Almighty, the sovereign God?
- Can you think of examples (in your own life, in history, or in Scripture) when God turned weakness into strength or exalted the humble?
- How has your own prayer life been recently? Have you been praying bold prayers? Or maybe prayers of praise and gratitude like we see Hannah do in today's text? Take a few moments to reflect and share it as a group.

PRAYER EXPERIENCE

SEEK:

Take the next 5 minutes on your own to pause, be still, and listen for the Lord. Ask Him to show you what bold prayers he's calling you to pray and who he may be asking you to pray for.

SHARE:

In groups of 2-3, share your bold prayer with one another.

SPEAK:

Pray these bold prayers over one another, declaring the powerful name of Jesus with faith.